Applicant : Steve Kakouros et al.

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Remarks

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12, and 14-21 are pending.

Claim 22, which depends from claim 8, has been added.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's guidelines.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12, and 14-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 now should be withdrawn.

Claim 9 additionally has been amended to correct a typographical error and to incorporate the features of claim 2 from which claim 9 had depended prior to being rewritten in independent form by the Amendment dated September 2, 2006.

For the reasons explained above, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and should be allowed.

Charge any excess fees or apply any credits to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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